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NOMENCLATURE AND INTERPRETATION OF A CALIFORNIA SUBSPECIES IN ARCTOSTAPHYLOS (ERICACEAE)

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McMinn (1939), having had access to Adams' specimens and doctoral dissertation (1935), published *Arctostaphylos tomentosa* (Pursh) Lindl. var. *crinita* Adams ex McMinn with a Latin diagnosis ("A specie differt: ramis junioribus tomentosis et albo-divaricate-crinitis; corticis levigatis.") Adams (1940) published the same variety as *A. crustacea* Eastw. var. *tomentosiformis* Adams for which he cited as type *Adams 928* (UC

531720, UC 531721). However, the only epithet written on the type is A. tomentosa var. crinita, just as McMinn had published it. Munz (1959), interpreted this to be a variety of A. tomentosa, overlooking McMinn's Latin diagnosis for var. crinita, and accepting Adams' var. tomentosiformis instead of McMinn's var. crinita, published A. tomentosa var. tomentosiformis (Adams) Munz. Since var. crinita does in fact have a Latin description, it must be the valid name.

Wells (1968) made some important nomenclatural changes in interpreting the A. tomentosa alliance and included A. crustacea as a subspecies of A. tomentosa (A. tomentosa ssp. crustacea (Eastw.) Wells). If his interpretation is to be considered valid, and the validity of A. tomentosa var. crinita, described above, is valid, then it is only logical that a new combination be made: Arctostaphylos tomentosa (Pursh) Lindl. ssp. crinita (Adams ex McMinn) Gankin, comb. nov.

The distribution of A. tomentosa ssp. crinita is of particular interest. Its northernmost outpost seems to be on Montara Mountain in northern San Mateo Co. where it is sympatric with A. montaraensis Roof. It seems to be absent, replaced by ssp. rosei, ssp. tomentosa, and ssp. reaches its greatest abundance in southern Santa Cruz Co, where it comes in contact with such species as A. glutinosa Schreib., A. silvicola Jeps. & Wiesl., A. nummularia Gray ssp. sensitiva (Jeps.) Wells, A. andersonii Gray, and A. canescens Eastw. in various localities. Throughout the Pajaro Hills and the Santa Lucia Mountains this subspecies seems to be absent, replaced by ssp. rosei, ssp. tomentost, and ssp. crustacea. Wells (1968) described ssp. insulicola from Santa Cruz Island. The only distinction between ssp. crinita and ssp. insulicola, according to Wells, is the apparent lack of setose hairs on ssp. insulicola, However, examination of a number of specimens of this subspecies from Santa Cruz Island has shown that there certainly are plenty of specimens with sporadic, non-glandular, setose hairs. In the opinion of this author, the specimens on Santa Cruz Island which have been named ssp. insulicola by Wells are insufficiently distinct from and could be considered as relictual forms of ssp. crinita, thereby extending the range of ssp. crinita to as far south as Santa Cruz Island, Santa Barbara Co.

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